

To: Real Estate Department Partners Notice: RED-16-25

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Re: 2016-17 My Community, My Vision Program



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Are you a Local Unit of Government (LUG) interested in having your community's young adults play a key role in your planning efforts? Then you should consider applying for the 2016-2017 MCMV program.

If selected you will receive \$500 in seed money to implement a community supported, youth-driven project.

Click here for more information.

The deadline to apply is **September 9, 2016**.

As a participant in the program you will be responsible for:

- Recruiting a group of high school students.
- Working with them to write and submit an essay application to IHCDA.
- Maintaining the group's involvement during the MCMV program year.
- Providing support to the Ball State University graduate mentor throughout the process.

My Community, My Vision (MCMV) is a youth planning partnership between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and Ball State University (BSU). The program is in its third year and was developed with the belief that young people in Indiana should not have to leave their hometowns in order to achieve their dreams. Previous participating groups have developed community vision plans that lay the groundwork for student entrepreneurship opportunities, community gardens, bike-share programs, farmer's markets, and other programs students wanted to see brought to their hometown. Past youth-driven plans have been adopted by local units of government and one group even raised about \$4,000 in grant funding and in-kind donations to implement projects developed in the MCMV planning process.





